

**DODGE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
127 EAST OAK STREET
JUNEAU, WI 53039
FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on February 22, 2016 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Larry Bischoff, Bill Foley, Howard Kriewald, and Bill Muche.

Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: Marc Bethke, John Bohonek, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD); Lisa Derr, Dodge County Board.

Others Present: Jim Zahn and Bill Boettge, Dodge County Nonpoint Runoff Work Group Co-Chairs.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Bischoff to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of December 28, 2015 as sent by mail; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: There were no public appearances/comments.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: There were no agency advisor reports.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUE: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS: Motion by Muche to approve signing new and revised conservation plans; seconded by Adelmeyer. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM NONPOINT RUNOFF WORK GROUP MEETINGS OF JANUARY 11 AND FEBRUARY 9, 2016: Co-Chairs Jim Zahn and Bill Boettge updated the committee on progress being made by the ad hoc Dodge County Nonpoint Runoff Work Group at recent meetings held on January 11 and February 9, 2016. The work group is in the process of receiving and discussing information provided by special speakers and other printed sources. Various work group members are currently attending workshops on nonpoint issues around the state. Good discussion is occurring at monthly meetings, and the group is hopeful that, given enough time, they will be able to make a good recommendation to the Land Conservation Committee.

LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE REPORT: Because Dodge County does not yet have a contract for cost share funds in 2016, there was no monthly report on cost share activities. Marc Bethke discussed a proposed strategy for using Land & Water Program cost share funding in 2016. After the presentation and some discussion, motion by Howard Kriewald to accept the proposed strategy with one modification to include the entire Beaver Dam River Watershed as a priority work area; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

CONSIDER 2017 SWRM GRANT APPLICATION TO DATCP: Marc Bethke presented the proposed SWRM Grant Application to DATCP for 2017. Included for the first time in 2016, as required by DATCP, is a work plan for 2016. After some discussion, motion by Bischoff to approve the 2017 SWRM Grant Application to DATCP as presented; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

CONSIDER UPCOMING WLWCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE ISSUES: Marc Bethke shared information and discussed a couple items related to the upcoming annual conference of the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association. Copies of three resolutions were distributed for all committee member awareness. Ed Nelson and Dale Macheel will represent the committee, and John Bohonek will represent Land Conservation Department staff at the conference.

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).


COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Dale Macheel reported that the Fox Lake Inland Lake District discussed issues related to the sewer system at their last meeting. Dale also reported that the lake district is making progress on an agreement with a private party to perform weed harvesting in Fox Lake. The lake district is also applying for funds to work with the Fox Lake Prison Farm to study nitrogen discharges to Drew Creek. It was also reported that efforts to create a Fox Lake Town ordinance to better regulate expanding livestock facilities have been suspended. Bill Foley reported that the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association's application for grant funding for lake management plan implementation was not approved. The lake association plans to reapply next year. Bill also reported that Curt Calkins from Columbia County Land Conservation Department has been invited to meet with the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association at an upcoming meeting. Lisa Reas will also attend an upcoming meeting of Beaver Dam Lake property owners to discuss lakeshore improvement options. Bill Muche indicated that he had nothing to report from the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marc Bethke shared copies of two news articles that discussed various issues related to nonpoint source pollution.

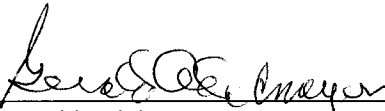
PER DIEMS: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bischoff to approve the regular per diems, plus the following:
- Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meetings on February 11, 2016 – per diem and 22 miles.
Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2016 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 10:30 AM, seconded by Foley. Motion carried.



Ed Nelson, Chair



Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

(BILLS)								
Three Deer Processors - 2015 Venison Donation Processing Costs							\$1,210.00	
Dodge County Register of Deeds - Deed Recording Fees =							\$60.00	
USDA-APHIS - 4th Quarter Wildlife Damage Program Administrative Costs =							\$8,058.80	
Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association - 2016 Membership Dues =							\$1,621.00	
Southern Area Land & Water Conserv. Association - 2016 Membership Dues =							\$125.00	
OfficeMax - Miscellaneous Office Supplies =							\$82.34	
Joe's Auto Service - 2005 Chevy Tahoe Heater Fan Repairs =							\$330.52	
Marc Bethke - January 2016 Expenses =							\$54.20	
TOTAL BILLS =							\$11,541.86	
(REVENUE)								
127 Orders for Small Packets of Trees =							\$11,113.73	
Mike Davy - Manure Storage Ordinance Permit Fee =							\$750.00	
TOTAL REVENUE =							\$11,863.73	

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Prepared 2015 Annual Report to Dodge County Board
- Prepared final 2015 reimbursement requests to DATCP and DNR for various programs, and met with Finance Department to reconcile final 2015 expenditures and revenues
- Attended Rock River TMDL meeting in Jefferson on January 7th
- Prepared for and attended Nonpoint Runoff Work Group Meetings on January 11th and February 9th
- Began considering options for implementing unique numbering system for Farmland Preservation Program in Dodge County
- Began working on securing conservation practice installation data for DNR's Rock River TMDL Implementation Plan
- Completed performance evaluations for Jon Duckert and Dave Braunschweig
- Began to prepare for May 17, 2016 private well water testing program – met with and/or sent information to Towns of Leroy and Lomira
- Actively assisted FPP participants with conservation compliance issues – prepared many certificates of compliance as requested
- Reviewed air photos for Town of Hustisford to identify prospective projects and future contacts for soil erosion control and water quality protection work
- Wrapping up 2016 tree sales program – final orders due by February 26th